

**SHADE TREE DEPARTMENT**

**Peter B. Bacon,** Tree Warden

The year 2004 was successful despite budget cuts. Dalton received another Mass. ReLeaf grant in the amount of \$1,530 for the planting of 12 trees at various locations along town streets. This is a matching grant and we have been able to purchase quality trees that have an immediate impact. Out of 112 trees planted in the last 6 years, only 2 have had to be replaced.

Dalton received special recognition in Boston for being a Tree City USA for 5 years. This recognition is given at the annual Arbor Day awards ceremony and is co-sponsored by the National Arbor Day Foundation and Department of Recreation and Conservation. The town must reapply on an annual basis.

This year's Arbor Day tree planting was done by St. Agnes School. Mrs. Bauman's third grade class planted a red maple next to Banknorth on Main Street. This tree replaced a bush that was planted in the memory of Fred Crane.

A total of twenty hazardous trees were removed and over thirty were pruned. Several residents took advantage of splitting the cost of stump removal. If you have had a town tree recently cut down and would also be willing to split the cost of removal please contact this department and I will explain how it works.